



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH
PO BOX 747
FALLS CHURCH VA 22040-0747

MAILED
MAY 14 2012
OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Patent No. 6,630,348	:	
Application No. 09/706,690	:	
Filed: November 7, 2000	:	ON PETITION
Issued: October 7, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1689-0165PUS1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 6, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued October 7, 2003. The last day of the grace period for paying the 7.5-year maintenance fee was October 7, 2011. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the delay in filing a timely response was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay in paying the maintenance fee was in fact unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay in paying the maintenance fee was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The Power of Attorney filed concurrently with the instant petition was not accepted because it lacked a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address on the petition; however, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Petitioner should note that submission of a power of attorney and/or a change of correspondence address would not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence, which **may** be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" forms should be submitted to the Maintenance Fee Division.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

/Liana Walsh/
Liana Walsh
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: STEIN MCEWEN LLP
1400 EYE STREET NW, SUITE 300
WASHINGTON, DC 20005